

## **REMARKS**

The above-identified patent application is the United States National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US2005/006383, filed February 28, 2005 which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/549,889, filed March 2, 2004. In the international application, the United States was designated as the International Search Authority.

The International Application as filed consisted of claims 1-53. In this Preliminary Amendment, claims 40-41 are cancelled; claims 1-13, 15-18, 20-24, 26-30, 32-39, 42 and 43 are currently amended and claims 14, 19, 25, 31 and 44-53 are original claims. Accordingly, claims 1-39 and 42-53 remain pending in this application. No amendments to the specification or to the drawings are being made in this paper. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application. National fees and additional claims fees are included according to the calculations in the Fee Calculation Table provided on the following page.

# FEE CALCULATION TABLE


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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			PRESENT EXTRA	Rate (\$)	ADDI- TIONAL FEE (\$)
Total	51	Minus	20	31	x 50	620
Independent	8	Minus	3	5	x 200	1000
Application Size Fee					N/A	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					N/A	0
Basic National, Examination and Search Fees (see Transmittal Letter)						600
					<b>TOTAL ADDI- TIONAL FEES</b>	<b>\$2220</b>

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